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**SEP 28 2004****PATENT APPLICATION****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q61047

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For: AN IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, AN IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND A COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM HAVING RECORDED THEREON A PROCESSING PROGRAM FOR PERMITTING A COMPUTER TO PERFORM IMAGE PROCESSING ROUTINES

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116****FILED**

SEP 24 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 27, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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